

In the Claims:

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Claims 2-6 are cancelled herein.

Claim 1 is amended herein.

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A hinge assembly comprising:

a fixing seat adapted to connect to a laptop computer mainframe;

a position seat adapted to connect to a laptop computer screen and having a first annular body defining therein a first position hole and a second annular body opposite to the first annular body and defining therein a second position hole;

a fixing ring having a first side face securely engaged with the first annular body and a second side face opposite to the first side face and provided with a pair of notches;

a position ring having a pair of protrusions extending out to correspond to ~~the pair of notches of the fixing ring~~ and be alternatively received in the pair of notches of the fixing ring such that the position ring is able to have an axial movement relative to the fixing ring when the pair of protrusions of the position ring are not received in the corresponding pair of notches of the fixing ring;

multiple resilient pads;

a securing device; and

a connection rod extending through the fixing seat, the first annular body, the fixing ring, the position ring, the multiple resilient pads, the second annular body to securely sandwich the fixing ring, the position ring and the multiple resilient pads between the first annular body and the second annular body so as to securely engage with the securing device, wherein the first annular body has a pair of cutouts defined in a circumferences of the first annular body and the fixing ring has a pair of

extensions formed on the first side face of the fixing ring to correspond to the cutouts so that engagement between the fixing ring and the first annular body of the position seat is secured when the extensions are received in the corresponding cutouts, wherein the fixing ring has a pair of recessed areas adjacent to the extension and oppositely formed to one another to receive therein the first annular body.

Whereby pivotal movement of the position seat relative to the fixing seat drives the position ring to pivot such that the protrusions are alternatively received in the corresponding notches and thus the multiple resilient pads are able to provide necessary friction when the protrusions are away from the notches.

2. (Cancelled herein).
3. (Cancelled herein).
4. (Cancelled herein).
5. (Cancelled herein).
6. (Cancelled herein).